

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

**Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge**

**Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities**

**October 19-20, 2013**

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# **Clarence Cannon NWR Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities.**

## **A Recreational Opportunity for Permanent Mobility and Visually Impaired Individuals**



### **Purpose**

The Special Deer Hunt at Clarence Cannon NWR is used to help improve the deer herd on the refuge and provide for a recreational opportunity. This opportunity is being extended to a special group of the nation's population that has a permanent physical condition that severely impairs their mobility or vision. These individuals are fully capable of properly using a firearm to hunt game, but have restricted ability to access land for a quality hunting experience. This hunt is an effort to provide for proper access, facilities, and other needed resources so individuals with disabilities can enjoy a safe and successful recreational experience.

### **Point of Contact**

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge  
P.O. Box 88  
37599 County Road 206  
Annada, Mo 63330

Cody Alger, Park Ranger, 573/847-2333 x11

### **Description of Proposed Area**

Located one mile east of Annada, Missouri, in Pike County, the hunt will take place within the boundaries of the 3,750 acre Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The entire refuge is located within the floodplain of the Mississippi river where the land was previously converted to farmland and is now managed for migratory waterfowl and other birds.

### **Method**

1. Centerfire rifle will be the only device permitted during the hunt. Legal centerfire rifles must be in accordance with Missouri hunting regulations.
2. No hunting dogs or other pets will be permitted to be used for the hunt, nor will they be allowed in the area during the hunt.

### **Bag Limit**

Three deer, either two antlerless and one antlered, or three antlerless are permitted to be harvested by each hunter. Only one antlered deer may be harvested by each hunter.

### *Antlered Deer*

*An antlered deer is defined as a deer having at least one antler, 3 inches or longer. The four point restriction **will not** apply for this hunt.*

### **Monitoring**

The check station will be located at the headquarters of Clarence Cannon NWR. Hunters will be required to check in and out each day starting at 5:30 a.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. Personnel at the station will be on hand to ensure compliance with regulations and safety during the hunt, as well as gather biological data for use by the refuge.

### **Season**

The 2013 season is a 2-day hunt from Saturday, October 19, 2013 to Sunday, October 20, 2013.

### **Permit Information and Criteria for Eligibility:**

1. Successful applicants must purchase a managed deer hunting permit for the State of Missouri. A resident permit is \$17.00 and nonresident is \$225.00.

**NOTE: Permits must be purchased only if drawn for the hunt.**

2. Applicants must be non-ambulatory or legally blind to participate in the special hunt. Non-ambulatory is defined as a permanent physical condition that severely impairs mobility resulting from paralysis or amputation of one or more of the lower extremity(ies) which require the use of a wheelchair, braces, crutches or other similar aids of mobility. Legally blind as defined for this hunt includes conditions where the better eye has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less with the use of a correcting lens. A person with an eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.
3. Assistance for personal hygiene needs will not be provided by refuge personnel or volunteers. If necessary, the applicant will be required to provide his or her own personal assistant.

### **Application Procedure and Permit Notification**

- The eligible applicant will be required to provide completed Quota Deer Hunt Application forms (page 5). All information must be received by close of business **Friday, August 30, 2013**.
- Ten (10) permits will be issued for the designated hunting blinds. Applicants will be separated into two drawings - one for mobility impaired individuals and one for visually impaired individuals. Five (5) applicants will be randomly selected from each drawing. In the event there are fewer than five applicants from either drawing, the remaining applicants will be eligible for the selection of the remaining blinds.
- Successful applicants will be notified by mail with a letter and packet of instructions enclosed. Hunters and their assistants will be required to attend an orientation meeting to be held at 5:00 a.m., Saturday, October 19, 2013. Orientation will outline the special hunt instructions and cover safety requirements for the hunt. A drawing for the selection of the days appointed hunt blind will be conducted.

## **Safety**

### **Hunting Areas/ Firearms.**

1. Hunters will be required to have an assistant with them throughout the hunt. The assistant will not be permitted to possess any weapon, therefore only one firearm will be permitted in the blind. Hunters and their assistants will be required to remain within their blind unless pre-approved by the Refuge Manager. The assistant may leave the blind to retrieve a harvested deer, provided they call the refuge personnel in advance.
2. Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, with the exception of specially designed ATVs while parked inside the blind. Helmets must be worn when operating any ATV. All firearms must be cased and unloaded when transported in any vehicle (car, truck, ATV, etc.).
3. All firearms will be unloaded until the hunter and assistant are safely seated inside the blind. Firearms must be unloaded upon departure of the hunter and/or the assistant from the blind.
4. Cellular phones are recommended for direct communication with refuge personnel in case of emergency or if assistance is needed.

### **Hunter Orange**

All hunters and their assistants must wear Hunter orange at all times during the hunt. Hunter orange must meet or exceed what is specified in the Missouri State hunting regulations.

### **Equipment Required**

On each day of the hunt, participants will be assigned a specific hunt location with a blind set up. It is the responsibility of the participant and their assistant to bring with them any equipment and gear required to hunt and/or harvest deer. No hunting gear or equipment will be supplied by Clarence Cannon NWR.

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National Wildlife Refuge System

Quota Deer Hunt Application

OMB Control Number  
1018-0140  
Expires 01/31/2012

Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; all fields may not be required.  
Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

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| <b>1. Name of Refuge</b>                     | <input type="text" value="Clarence Cannon NWR"/>    | <b>2. Date of application</b>                   | <input type="text"/>                             |
| <b>3. Legal Name</b>                         | <input type="text"/>                                | <b>Area Code/Phone No.</b>                      | <input type="text"/>                             |
| <b>Mailing Address</b> <input type="text"/>  |   |   |  |
| <b>City, State, ZIP</b> <input type="text"/> |   | <b>e-mail</b>                                   | <input type="text"/>                             |
| <b>4. Method</b>                             | <input type="text" value="Rifle"/>                  |   |  |
| <b>5. Hunt Date Choice</b>                   | <b>6. Hunt Location Choices</b>                     |   |  |
| 1st Choice                                   | <input type="text" value="October 19-20, 2013"/>    | 1st Choice                                      | <input type="text" value="Clarence Cannon NWR"/> |
| 2nd Choice                                   | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                    | 2nd Choice                                      | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                 |
| 3rd Choice                                   | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                    | 3rd Choice                                      | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                 |
| 4th Choice                                   | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                    | 4th Choice                                      | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                 |
| 5th Choice                                   | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                    | 5th Choice                                      | <input type="text" value="N/A"/>                 |
| <b>7. Special Hunt</b>                       | <input type="text" value="Hunter with disability"/> | <b>7A. Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt</b> | <input type="text"/>                             |

[Print Form](#)

8. I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.

Hunter signature

Guardian signature (required for hunters under 18 years of age)

**For Office Use only:**

☒ Payment Exempt/No fee ☐ Payment required

**Payment Type:** Amount:

☐ Personal Check

☐ Cashiers Check

☐ Money Order

☐ Other

Date Received

Notes

**Notice**

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information:

1. The issuance of a permit and collection of fees on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended, and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).
2. The information that you provide is voluntary; however submission of requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants under the above Acts. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit.
3. We estimate the public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection to be 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.
4. Routine use disclosures may be made: (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (b) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, rule, order, or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulations, order, or license; (c) from the record of the individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of the individual (42 FR 19083; April 11, 1977); and (d) to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal Claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the Department (48 FR 54716; December 6, 1983).
5. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned control number 1018-0140.

FWS Form 3-2354  
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